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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL COMMENT ON ANGOLA

1. INFLUENTIAL EXCELSIOR ON DECEMBER 24 EDITORIALIZED ON QUOTE ANGOLA POLITICAL BOOTY UNQUOTE. QUOTE ONCE AGAIN THE WORLD IS WITNESSING HOW A YOUNG NATION UPON BREAKING THE LAST COLONIAL TIES BECOMES THE OBJECTIVE OF POLITICAL AMBITIONS UNQUOTE. QUOTE NO COUNTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN THE AFRICAN NATION BUT IN ANGOLA THE OLD PRINCIPLES OF SELF DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES WAS QUICKLY FORGOTTEN... IT IS IMMORAL FOR EXAMPLE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD REPROACH CUBA FOR SENDING ARMS AND SOLDIERS TO JOIN THE MPLA WHEN IT IS KNOWN THAT WASHINGTON WAS DEALING ON ITS OWN WITH RIVAL GROUPS SECRETLY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. AND SUCH A REPROACH IS EVEN MORE IMMORAL AFTER THE OPEN CONFESSION OF INTERVENTION BY THE CIA TO ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE LEADERS OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION UNQUOTE. QUOTE THE WORLD COMMUNITY MUST INSIST UPON FREE DETERMINATION FOR ANGOLA. NEITHER FOREIGN ARMS NOR SOLDIERS SHOULD BE ADMITTED NOR SHOULD SECRET ARMS NOR SURREPTITIOUS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: EXCELSIOR EDITORIALIST PROBABLY CONSIDERS HIS COMMENT EVENHANDED. IN KEEPING WITH EXCELSIOR'S
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